



BORIS THE SPIDER

**A Journal of Duplicitous Doings,
Raw Power, and Naked Greed**

*"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive!"*
--Sir Walter Scott--



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Hassler Wins SILVERTON!

Congratulations to Chris Hassler, ably assisted by the initial play of Harry Andrushak (aka, Sara Reichert), for his standby win in our third game of SILVERTON. Had it ended on Turn 15 with \$50,000 it would've been Paul Zieske. The outcry for another game of SILVERTON has been underwhelming, so we replace it next time with our fourth game of 1835. Player order is R Fisher, Hanna, Bullitts, Copeland, Chinnery & Zieske. You start with 340 M. See Ref 1 for House Rules.

Note that the next deadline is not the usual 1st Friday since I'll be at WBC that weekend. We'll be back with 1st Fridays in September.

It looks like once we get a grip on DTWK, we may have a page available for more mayhem. We also may be needing to start "Boris XVII" soon due to the proposed concession. So sign up for DIPLOMACY and CIRCUS MAXIMUS, JUNTA, DUNE, SETTLERS, and TITAN and we'll see which of the latter comes closest to a quorum. See Reference 1 for House Rules.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "Diplomacy is an achievement of civilization. It works at its core, but it loses effectiveness at the edges, and it is helpless without a civic consensus."--- Wolf Lepenius

Rati-Con/Midsumcon will be Sat Aug 3 to Tues Aug 6 at the Radisson Hotel Arlington Heights, 75 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights IL 60005, 800-333-3333/847-364-7600. Contact: Anthony Carver 773-874-3781, P.O. Box 87138, Chicago IL 60690-0138.

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I've included a shrunken copy of the 2002 Hobby Awards ballot on pp 16 & 17. Use it if you will.

BOOS & KUDOS

This month's Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award (and free issue) goes to Sven Vasseur for his Svenotti article in MACHIAVELLI.

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is lobbed at means.not for James Kanne's really late orders and sporadic "He doesn't exist messages" when I used the "Reply" function.

REFERENCE:

1. <http://hometown.aoi.com/prbalduc/boris/hrules/index.html>

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CDT 9 AUG 02



Peace Proposed!! England Invaded Again!

Spring 1908

XV

2001B

MINAS MORGUL: Germany is within striking range of victory with good chances to pick up BUD and VEN and a guessing game between EDI, LON and LPL. French morale has reached such a low ebb that they have proposed a concession to the Kaiser. Turkey just wants the war to go on long enough to destroy the homeless Italians.

TROOP MOVEMENTS:

French F NTH retreats to LON and A BUR retreats to PAR. Germany builds A KIE, A MUN. & A BER. Turkey builds A Ank.

FRANCE (Curtis): A Edi H, [F Lon-Nth H], F Tyn S A Tus-Rom, [F Nrg S F Lon-Nth], A Ven H, A Par Htt, A Tus-Rom, A Pie-Mar, [A Pie-Bel], [F Eng S A Bellinsu],

GERMANY (Copeland): A Vie S A Mun-Tri, A Tri S A Mun-Tri, F Den S F Nth, [F Nwy-Nrg], F Nth C A Hol-Yor, A Sey S A Rum, F Ska S F Nth, A Rum S A War-Gal, A Bur S A Ruh-Bel, A War-Gal, A Hol-Yor, A Ruh-Bel, A Ber-Mun, A Kie-Hol, A Mun-Tri.

ITALY (Anderson): A Alb S A Ser, A Bud S A Ser, [A Ser S A Bud];

TURKEY (K. Wilson): F Aeg-Ion, F Nap S F Aeg-Ion, A Gre-Ser, A Bul S A Gre-Ser, F Con-Aeg, A Ank-Con.

Orders in brackets fail, imp = impossible, NMR = no move received, NRR = no retreat received, NVR = no vote received, nso = not so ordered, nap = no such place, nasu = no such unit, oth = off the board, r-??? = unit must retreat to ???, u = unordered, uno = unit not owned.

We have a call for a concession to Germany. Vote! A single "nay" will kill the proposal. Should Germany reach 18 centers this time, the concession will not apply.

Due next time are your vote and orders for Fall 1908 and Press. Ms Nar craves Press!

EMBASSY BEAT

Germany to Turkey:--You are slightly misinformed, sir. I have never played for a draw. I decided to go for 18 at the start of this game. Told the French that I would try for 18 but if that proved impossible, then I would agree to a draw. Perhaps he misunderstood. Nice of him to get out of the way though, don't you think?

Turkey to Italy: I guess I should have stuck with that old order that Paul tried to give me credit for. I would be one stronger and you would be one weaker. On the other hand, if my French friend hadn't gone AWOL on me, it wouldn't have mattered.

Turkey to France: Hey, where are you? You can't quit now. It's time for you to pay for being such a nice guy all game long. And Germany is the collector!

Turkey to Germany: BUL mine. RUM yours. SER mine. BUD yours. Go someplace else to get those last two. Meanwhile, let's kill some Italians.



BOYUM ELECTED!!

Winter 1900/01

XVI

2002C

MIRKWOOD: We have a France. Let the plotting begin!

TROOP DISPOSITION:

AUSTRIA (R Fisher): A Bud, A Vie, F Tri;

ENGLAND (Morrison): A Lpl, F Edi, F Lon;

FRANCE (Kanne): A Mar, A Par, F Bre;

GERMANY (Anderson): A Ber, A Mun, F Rie;

ITALY (K Wilson): A Rom, A Ven, F Nap;

RUSSIA (Fowble): A Mos, A War, F Sev, F Sp'fcl;

TURKEY (Nichols): F Ank, A Con, A Smy;

Due next time: Your orders for Spring 1901.



Source of the Nile

Turn 5



The Cast:

Dan Farrow

Ron Fisher

Don Chinnery

Jason Bargender

Andrew York

D&D Anderson

No rules clarifications for this turn. The game is running smoothly.

PRESS: None.





MACHIAVELLI

Venice in Retreat!!
Florence Pummelled!
Summer 1526



ERRATA: Venice has 13d. A AUS can retreat to garrison (fortified city). France has 1d.

RAGNOCITIA: Some sort of Franco-Venetian accommodation seems to have been reached as the Venetian forces have disengaged from the French lines and are pulling out to the South. Perhaps the Turkish naval monster has put the fear of Allah into them.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austrian A DAL retreats to BOX. French A AUS retreats into garrison.

AUSTRIA (Anderson, 17d): 1A Bos-Dal

FLORENCE (Cole, 19d): F Cor S F Sar, IF LS S A Gen (Ir-???) A Mod S A Gen, A Par S A Mod, IF Sar S F Cor, 1A For-Mon(d), A Gen S A Mod, F Flo S F LS, A Arc S A Flo, A Flo S A Arc, A Pisa S A Flo.

FRANCE (McConnell, 1d): A Tyr-Como, A Pav-For, G Aus = A, A Como-Pav, A Mon S A Pav-For, A Tur-Sav, F Sav-LS, F Gol S F Sav-LS, F Pro S F Sav-LS.

PAPACY (K Wilson, 16d): Counterbribe A Bol & A Per (-6d). A Man-Bol, A Bol-Urb, 1A Rom-Spo (Ir-???) (G Rom = A), A Per S A Bol-Urb.

TURKEY (Scott, 5d): A Cap-Rome, F GoNC A Anc-Sie, A Anc-Sie, F TS C A Anc-Sie, F LA C A Anc-Sie, F WM-Sar, A Spo S A Cap-Rome, 1A Her-Bos, F IS C A Anc-Sie, F Tun Hui, 1A Urb-Per (Ir-???)

VENICE (Vasseur, 13d): A Carin-Ver, IF Dal S A Ist-Cro, A Mtl-Ber, A Cre-Man, A Aus-Carin, A Sla S A Ist-Cro, A Ist-Cro, A Fer S A Cre-Man, F Car-Fri.

Orders in brackets fall; b = besieged, d = destroyed, imp = impossible, nlc = no longer controlled, nen = no such unit, ntb = nothing to besiege, oth = off the board, r-??? = must retreat to ???, u = unordered.

Florentine F LS must retreat oth or to LUC. Papal A ROM must retreat oth or to PAT. Turkish A URB must retreat oth or to ANC.

Due next time are retreats and orders for Fall 1526, and Press. Ms Nar craves Press.

EMBASSY BEAT

Turkey, waiting to see where the other shoe drops.... what are you up to Kevin Wilson? I guess only time will tell....

Svenotti was all pale. The Duke had left a testament that demanded full trust with the French and withdrawal from the north. And the orders were already with the generals. Catastrophe! Svenotti just hoped there would be a country still left to reign for the new heir after the summer. If so, Svenotti's STRONGEST advice would be to be more careful. Svenotti pondered what could be the reasons for such incautious behaviour. What about the Duke's frequent travels to Paris? Would just be great if the old fool had had secret rendez-vous with the French queen, as the rumors said. No doubt he would have been receptive to all the kinds of spells. His reign should have been ended much earlier, before his mind was lost. Svenotti would have a lot to do to set this right.

ERRATA: P didn't have enough tokens to take TOU. L has 2T in BER, not a C so forfeits \$6.

THE CAST: (In Tie Break Order)

London (McCabe): \$61, 7C, 4K, 20M, Gal-4
Paris (Fruch): \$52, 6C, 5K, 20M
Genoa (Copeland): \$94, 9C, 6K, 10M, Gal-4
Hamburg (Debbie A): \$57, 7C, 4K, 10M, Gal-2
Venice (Hanna): \$64, 7C, 3K, 10M, Gal-4
Barcelona (Buttitta): \$69, 9C, 4K, 10M, Gal-4

ADVANCES

E,N
 E,I,N
 A,I
 E,N,R
 N,R

There is a surplus of Silk and a shortage of Fur.

2.7: Bidding Phase

L bids 6t. H bids 7t. B bids 16t. G bids 24t. V bids 30t. P bids 36t.

3.3: Card Play Phase

L (6t) plays no card.

H (7t) plays "Stone" (all +\$1).

B (16t) plays "Cloth/Wine" as Wine (B +\$20, G,P +\$5) and "Armor".

G (24t) plays "Famine" (all +3 ML), "Papal Decree" limiting Exploration, "Civil War" on V (-VC +1VT @ VEN, +1 ML, must lose half cash or 15t, goes last in Expansion Phase).

V (30t) plays no card.

P (36t) plays "Struturs", "War" on V (6+1:2; P +1 ML, V +2 ML, V must cede 5 C to P, and "Crusades" (+PC @ Acre, +1 ML).

THE CAST: (In Turn 3 Order)

London (McCabe): \$56, 7C, 4K, 50M, Gal-4, 6t
Hamburg (Debbie A): \$51, 7C, 3K, 40M, Gal-2
Barcelona (Buttitta): \$78, 9C, 2K, 40M, Gal-4, 16t
Genoa (Copeland): \$99, 9C, 3K, 40M, Gal-4, 24t
Venice (Hanna): \$357, 1C, 3K, 70M, Gal-4, 30t?
Paris (Fruch): \$21, 12C, 2K, 60M, 36t

ADVANCES

E,N
 A,I
 N,R
 E,N,R
 E,I,N

THE BOARD:

B: C @ BAR, Basq, Fez, Gra, Lis, Mon, Sev, Tol, Val; 1T @ Tou

G: C @ Alg, Flo, GEN, Lyo, Mar, Nap, Sic, Tri, Tun;

H: C @ Col, Dan, HAM, Lub, Nur, Pra, Rig; 1T @ Ams, Bre, Cop, Mit, Ste

L: C @ Che, Edi, LON, Por, StM, Wat, Yor; 2T @ Ber; 1T @ She

P: C @ Acr, Basl, Bor, Bru, Dlj, PAR, Str,

V: C @ Bel?, Cre?, Dub?, MIP, Salo?, Væ?, 2T @ Rom; 1T @ Ath, Dur, Salz, StG, VEN

Due next time are Venice's Civil War and War losses and everyone's orders for Turns 3.4 (Purchase) through 3.5 (Expansion).

Your cards (Karte) are:

LEGEND: c = white circle, C = colored circle, K = cards, M = misery, ML = misery level, t = white token, T = colored token



BRITANNIA

"Egbert"

Turns VIII & IX



The Cast:

Blue: Kevin Wilson Green: Dave Anderson Purple: Chuck Hanna Red: Peter Boyum

Board

R-Bs (2): 4A @ Moray; 2A @ Pennines; 1A @ Dalraida.

Welsh (2.5): 3A @ Chwyd; 2A @ Powys; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon, Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd.

Brigantes (1): 2A @ Galloway; 1A @ Cumbria.

Picts (1.5): 3A @ Alban; 1A @ Mor.

Caledonians (2.5): 2A @ Hebrides, Skye.

Irish (0): 2A @ Cheshire, Hwicce, March; 1A @ Atlantic.

Scots (0.5): 2A @ Strathclyde; 1A @ Caithness, Irish, Orkneys.

Saxons (1.5): 2A Avalon, Essex, Lindsey, Norfolk, S Mercia, Sussex, Wessex; 1A @ Downlands, Kent, Suffolk.

Angles (2): 3A @ Dunedin; 2A @ Bernicia, Lothian, York; 1A @ N Mercia, North.

Start: Purple 57, Red 31, Green 29.5, Blue 29

TURN VIII

Irish (0): Grow 3 pp. Add 1A @ Hwicce. 3A @ Hwicce-N Mercia (3,2,1,4 1 Angle r-York), 1A @ Atlantic-Hwicce.

Scots (0.5): Grow 2 pp. 1A Irish Sea-Strathclyde.

Saxons (1.5): Grow 9 pp. Add 1A @ Norfolk, Essex, Suffolk. 1A @ Sussex-Kent, 1A @ Wessex-Sussex, 3A @ Norfolk-Frisian-York, 3A @ Essex-Frisian-York, 1A @ Suffolk-Norfolk, 1A @ Suffolk-Lindsey, 1A @ Lindsey-York, 2A @ S Mercia-Suffolk, 1A @ Downlands-S Mercia, 1A @ Avalon-Downlands, 1A @ Sussex-Essex, 1A @ Kent-Frisian-York (6,5,5,5,4,4,2,6,5,4,1 -3 Angles, -1 Saxon).

Angles (2): Grow 3 pp. Add 1A @ Lothian. 3A Lothian-Galloway, (5,2,1,4,3; 2 Brig r-Cumbria) 1A North-Lothian, 1A Dunedin-Lothian. Overpopulated, loses 1A @ Dunedin.

TURN IX

Board

R-Bs (2): 4A @ Moray; 2A @ Pennines; 1A @ Dalraida.

Welsh (2.5): 3A @ Chwyd; 2A @ Powys; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon, Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd.

Brigantes (1): 3A @ Cumbria.

Picts (1.5): 3A @ Alban; 1A @ Mor.

Caledonians (2.5): 2A @ Hebrides, Skye.

Irish (0): 3A @ N Mercia; 2A @ Cheshire, March; 1A @ Atlantic(7) Hwicce.

Scots (2.5): 3A @ Strathclyde; 1A @ Caithness, Orkneys.

Saxons (1.5): 6A @ York; 2A @ Lindsey, Suffolk; 1A @ Avalon, Downlands, Essex, Kent, Norfolk, S Mercia, Sussex, Wessex.

Angles (2): 3A @ Galloway; 2A @ Bernicia, Lothian; 1A @ Dunedin; Oswin?

Bretwalda may be elected. Red casts 16 votes for the Saxons, Blue casts 3 votes for the Angles, and Purple 1 vote for the Angles. Saxons are Bretwalda (+2 VP).

Start: Purple 57, Red 33, Green 29.5, Blue 29

Legend: A = infantry army, C = cavalry army, F = fort, L = leader, pp = population point, R = ruler, r-??? = retreats to ???, w-??? = withdraws to ???, * = in melee, # = attack by/against cavalry



KINGMAKER

Turn 19

RM 00-1
07-04-02

THE FACTIONS:

- A: Phil Reynolds' The Knights Who Say "Neel" B: Lee McConnell's Blue Falcon
C: Don Chinnery's Angevin D: Dave Anderson's Blue Meanies
E: David Kurtz's Black Adders F: Flint Webb's Chancellor of the Mighty Horde
GMing By Mike Scott The California Connection.

Event Card Responses: Percy to Alnwick. And one set of Burgundians to the Crown Deck.

Between Turn Happenings: Lee McConnell has a new E-mail address, see my list of address's this is being sent to.....

Nobles & Ships holding in Place: Berkley, Herbert, Mowbray, & Pole(Ludlow(c), Talbot w/Edmund @ Ireland, Stanley @ Douglas, Le Christopher, & Le Margaret @ Pevensey, Le George & Le Trinity @ Milford, Haven, Le Nicolas @ London, Le Swan @ Berwick.

Nobles & Ships Moving: Bourchier, Cromwell, & Greystoke(Grantham)-Lincoln-M35-Towton-York-Helmsley(c), Courtenay (Bath) H31-H28-H26-H20-Ludlow(c), Grey & Howard(Bristol)-H28-Tweksbury-H4-H11-Hereford, Neville w/King Richard, Edward of March, & George, Audley, & Duke of York: (H28)-H27-Usk-Cardiff-Brecon-W30, Percy (Alnwick)-N2-N16-Raby-M18-Helmsley(c), Roos, Stafford, Holland, Clifford & Hastings(Oxford) via road to Shrewsbury(c), Scrope & Fitzalan (Shrewsbury) H3-Ludlow (c), Le Lucas (Maldon) -S27-S24-S26-S22-Rye.

Combats: At Ludlow, a battle Berkeley, Herbert, Mowbray, & Pole go against Courtney, Scrope, & Fitzalan; Card Drawn is Plague Northampton, Oxford, 4:1 odds, the Combat is indisive, but Pole & Fitzalan both Die. One card went into the Chancery, and Four cards go into the Crown Deck.

Seiges: None.

Turn 19 Crown Cards: Five Cards will be sent seperately, everyone except Angevin will receive a seperate mailing.

Turn 20 Event Cards: 20 Nobles in play - only 5 Cards drawn this turn.

1. Peasant Revolt; Constable of the Tower to Blackheath, Stafford to Leeds, Majority.
2. Peasant Revolt; Constable of the Tower to St. Albans, Marshal to Barnet, Majority.
3. Peasant Revolt; Mowbray to Framingham, Marshal to Thetford, 2:1.
4. Revolt in Wales, Talbot to Ludlow, Duke of York to Stokestay, 5-4.
5. Storms at Sea, 3:1.

Royal Heirs: Edmund is controled now by Talbot in Ireland, King Richard of York, George, & Edward of March are controlled by Neville, Richard of Gloucester, Edward of Wales, Henry & Margaret are all DEAD.

PRESS: GM to "NEEL"; I confirm your holdings as described, in play and in hand

DEADLINE: July 28th, Midnight the GM's time.



LORD STANLEY

SR 2 & OR 2
Phase Change!



Errata: GW should've operated before GT and thus would've bought two 2-trains.

PLAYER STATUS:

Frueh: \$150, GLSC, NFS9C.
Chinnery: \$60, CC, 3 GT*
Buttita: \$30, W&S, SCFTC, 1 GT, 1 LPS
Zieske: \$15, Flos, 3 LPS*
Hanna: \$40, 4 GW*

CORPORATION STATUS:

Corp	Prez	Price	Par	IO	Pool	Loans	Escrow	Cash	Trains	Tokens
LPS	PZ	B80	90	6	0	1	---	250	22	C14
GW	CH	F60a	65	6	0	1	---	150	22	F15
GT	DC	F60b	65	6	0	1	---	150	22	P9

SR 2

Frueh buys 1 GW (-\$65, GW +\$65).
Chinnery, Buttita, & Zieske pass.
Hanna sells 1 GW (+\$60), buys 1 LPS (-\$90, LPS +\$90).
Frueh buys 1 GW from the pool (-\$60).
All pass - Chinnery has Priority.

OR 2:

Privates pay PZ \$5, DC \$10, JB \$20, and MF \$35.

Corp	Title	Lay	Token	Earn	Dv?	Loans	Trains	Price	Notes
LPS	#7/B15(inc)	no		\$100	Y	(2)+80	22	B90	
GW	#56/E18(inc)	F17(-\$40)		\$80	Y	(2)+80	22+3	F65a	Phase 2 begins
GT	#9/O10(inc)	no		\$90	Y	(2)+80	22+3	F65b	

PLAYER STATUS: (* = Prez)

Frueh: \$76, GLSC, NFS9C, 2 GW.
Chinnery: \$97, CC, 3 GT*
Buttita: \$79, W&S, SCFTC, 1 GT, 1 LPS
Zieske: \$50, Flos, 3 LPS*
Hanna: \$44, 3 GW*, 1 LPS

CORPORATION STATUS:

Corp	Prez	Price	Par	IO	Pool	Loans	Escrow	Cash	Trains	Tokens
LPS	PZ	B90	90	5	0	2	---	420	22	C14
GW	CH	F65a	65	5	0	2	---	30	223	F15, F17
GT	DC	F65b	65	6	0	2	---	5	223	P9

The Bank has \$11,199.

AVAILABLE TRAINS: 333444455566DDDDDD...

AVAILABLE TILES:

Yellow: #1(1), #2(1), #3(3), #4(3), #5(1), #6(1), #7(6), #8(13), #9(12), #55(1), #57(3), #58(3), #69(1)
Green: #14(4), #15(4), #16(1), #17(1), #18(1), #19(1), #20(1), #23(4), #24(4), #25(1), #26(1), #27(1),
#28(1), #29(1), #59(2), #120(1), #121(2)

Due next time: Orders for SR 3 and ORs 3a (and 3b if you can manage it). Chinnery has the Priority (which is likely to be the case for a good portion of the game). Green tiles are available and Corporations may buy privates.





SILVERTON

HASSLER WINS!

Turns 24b



ERRATA: M. Fisher delivered 4 Cu from #105; Cu remains at \$800. M. Fisher has \$52,275. #61 has 5C.

Zeske declines #48. Hanna declines #75.

PLAYER STATUS

#1 (Hassler): \$118,175, S+2, P, A2, A3, A1, #66(4 C), C13, A6, #31
 #2 (Farrow): \$52,775, S, P+2, A4, B7, C15, C18, C17
 #3 (Zeske): \$86,175, S+1, P+1, A20, B22, #91
 #4 (Chinnery): \$43,325, S, P+2, A5, #47, #106(4 Cu), #41(1 L), #95(2 C), #60, #59
 #5 (M. Fisher): \$52,275, S+1, P+1, #61(5 C), #62(10 C), D1, #105, #5
 #6 (Hanna): \$67,375, S+2, P, A19, #90, B21, #68(7 C), #63, #97

TURN 24b

#1: Operate A1 (+\$100), A2 (+\$250), A3 (+\$400), #66 (-\$200: 9 = 3 C). Deliver 7 C from #66 to Denver (+\$4900).
 #2: Can't operate pax lines due to snow. Deliver not.
 #3: Operate A20 (+\$300), B22 (+\$700). No deliveries.
 #4: Operate A5 (+\$100), #47 (-\$100: 7 = 3 C), #106 (-\$400: 6 = 1 Cu), #95 (-\$400: 5 = 2 C), #60 (-\$100: 4 = D), #59 (-\$100: 4+6 = 4 C). Deliver 5 Cu (+\$3000) to SLC.
 #5: Operate not. Deliver 15C to Denver (+\$10,500).
 #6: Operate A19 (+\$450), B21 (+\$1100). Can't deliver.

FINAL STATUS

Hassler: \$123,625, S+2, P, A2, A3, A1, C13, A6, #31
 Zeske: \$87,175, S+1, P+1, A20, B22, #91
 Hanna: \$68,925, S+2, P, A19, #90, B21, #68(7 C), #63, #97
 M. Fisher: \$52,275, S+1, P+1, #61, #105, #5
 Farrow: \$52,775, S, P+2, A4, B7, C15, C18, C17
 Chinnery: \$45,325, S, P+2, A5, #47(3 C), #106, #41(1 L, D), #95(4 C), #59(4 C)

Haasler: When I first took over the position, it took me a couple of turns to get my bearings. When starting from Denver, I typically pursue an east-west strategy, trying to get the rich collection of claims at Leadville and the various Salt Lake City to Denver passenger runs. When I entered the game, Leadville was not really viable and I started, almost by reflex, heading east. I finally realized that I was the only one who could realistically get the Santa Fe to Pueblo and Santa Fe to Denver passenger lines, and quickly grabbed those up before I could be locked out of Santa Fe. The factor that pushed things over the top, however, was the Cripple Creek claim. Arguably the best claim in the game, it provided a great source of income. All I had to do was wait until the price of gold got to where I wanted. Well, it never did, but I figured that it wasn't going to get much better and that I should sell before Mr. Fisher sold his gold and drove down the price. I was also fortunate that the price of lumber and coal in Denver remained high. It was an enjoyable game and I thank Paul for running it and Ms. Nar for her generally favorable dice rolls.

Zieske: Congrats to Hassler. Can't argue with all that gold he delivered! Wished that some of my claims lasted longer, and that the other El Paso north passenger route came up.



ATRENS

EPOCH I (CONCLUDED)



THE CAST

Dave Anderson: Orange
Mike Fisher: Purple

Laird Khaoz: Red
Wayne Morrison: Ebony

Kevin Wilson: Green
James Kanne: Azure

EPOCH I (CONT.)

MINUANS (E): Bid 4. Play "Population Explosion". 1A,C @ Cre, 3F EMS (3,2,6; 3,1:5; 5,4:2 -2EF, -1RF), 1A @ WAn, A EAn. VP = -4 + C(1x2) + S(1) + Mid E(P=2) = +1.

INDUS VALLEY (G): Bid 6. Play "Allies". Play 1A,C,GM @ Lin, 1A @ Uln. WDe, EGh, Cey, PSD. VP = -6 + C(1x2) + Mi(1x2) + Mid E(P=2) + Indus(D=2) = +2.

BABYLONIA (A): Bid 0 = 4. Play 1A,C @ MTL, 1A @ LTI (4,2:2+1.5 -1WLC,F +c), 1A,f @ MTL. VP = -4 + C(1x2) + c(1) + Mid E(P=2) = +1.

Hittites (PV): 2A,C,f @ EAn (1El r-WAn).

SANG DYNASTY (P): 3A,f,C @ Yel. VP = -6 + C(2x2) + Mid E(P=2) + China(P=1) = +1.

ARYANS (U): 1A @ Tur, Hin, 2A @ PSD (2,2:4; 6,1:2 -1OL, -1GI), 1A @ Lin (6,2:3 -1GLC +c). VP = -6 + c(1) + Mi(1x2) + Mid E(P=2) + India(P=1) = 0.

SCORE: RI(3), O(0), A(+1), El(+1), Pl(+1), G(+2)

Due Soonest: Bids for Epoch II Empires: may as well throw in Assyrian orders if you bid on them.

THE BOARD:

AI: MT(2,C,D,LTic)

EL: Cre(C), WAn(2)

GI: Cey, EGh, Uln, WDe

OL: Hin, Linc,GM), PSD, Tur

PI: Yel(3,C,f), PV: EAn(2,C,f)

RI: Lev, Nu(C,RM), Nub, Pal

WI: Zag

Scas: EMS(E)

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Down with the King

Maxwell Sacked!

Turns 2/3/4



ERRATA: The Sheriff couldn't counsel for Earl Duncan as a Henchman as Rule 15.3 was deleted in the errata. Credit the counsel to Duncan. I've audited and corrected the IP & PP totals. NOTE: In case you hadn't already guessed, the "x/y PP" notation means "x PP held, y PP uncommitted".

The Cast:

D&D Anderson: Sir Jeffrey (#23), 3 IP, 10/4 PP, 12 cards, #51.
A. Bargerder: Sir James (#22), 4 IP, 13/4 PP, 11 cards, #52(H), #34.
Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#56), 4 IP, 10/2 PP, 12 cards, Phillip.
Fowble: Sir Robert (#16), 2 IP, 12/3 PP, 11 cards, #35(H), #45.
York: Countess Mary (#64), 0 IP, 12/8 PP, 12 cards, #42(H)

The Cabinet:

Monarch: King George (50 Support)	Consort: Queen Catherine
Navy: Lord Arthur (#36)	High Minister: Duke Henry (#43)
State: Earl Duncan (#34), Ja	Army: Lord Mortimer (#35), H Ro, 1
Trade: Duke Marley (#44)	Justice: Earl Maxwell (#32), 2
Epaline: Sir Donald (#21)	Beazzan: Sir Michael (#15)
Sandarkan: Sir Guy (#12)	Cronos: Sir Drew (#11)
City States: Sir Richard (#14)	Treasury: Duke Roland (#42) H My

Turn 2.5:

Countess Mary's Scandal result: Mary plays "Informer", 8 + 1 = 9 Rumors unsubstantiated. No effect.

Sir Robert's counsels "Propose a Treaty", Minister of the Army modifies "for"; 12+1 = Monarch is pleased. Counsel is Accepted, Gain 2 PP.

Turn 3.3:

Treason & Conspiracy trials: 3, Earl Maxwell (ability = 1) fails to solve problem and is sacked.
War with Cronos & Beazzan: 5, Lord Mortimer (ability = 3+1) fails to solve the problem.
Monarch's support drops to 30.

Turn 3.4:

Townsmen Unrest: 3, Duke Henry (ability = 5-1 for Magistrate) solves the problem.
Peasant Unrest: 3, Duke Henry (ability = 5) solves the problem. Monarch's support to 50.

Turn 3.5:

Jeffrey: Draws #24, Any Activity. Recruits Sir Charles (#24). Rolls on Literary Pursuit Table (4 +1 = Uninspired, roll again; 4+1 = Uninspired, roll again; 7+1 = Good Language Skill +2 PP +2 dm). Can't counsel.

Margaret: Draws #46, Intrigue. Roll on the Patronage table (-2 IP; 10 = High Class. Gain 20 PP +1 dm). Recruit 1st Judge (#46). Doesn't counsel.

Robert: Draws #13, Extra Activity. Recruit Sir Malcolm (#13). Make Sir Malcolm a henchman. Roll on the Craft Table (3 = Poor Workmanship -10 PP & all IP, -1 dm). Can't retain #35 & #45. Can't counsel.

James: Draws #62, Gain 1 IP. Recruit Countess Elizabeth (#62). Roll on Literary Pursuits Table (5+2 = Good Technical Skill + 1 PP). Counsel "Make an Accusation of Wrongdoing" against Sir Robert (aided by Sheriff: 7+1 = 1).

Mary: Draws #61, Scandal. Expose a Scandal against Sir James (???), roll on Literary Pursuits Table (3+2 = Uninspired, roll again; 10+2 = Poet Laureate +3 PP).

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A. Bargender: Sir James (#22), 5 IP, 14/2 PP, 12 cards, #52(H), #34, #62.
Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#36), 2 IP, 30/16 PP, 13 cards, Philip, #46.
Fowble: Sir Robert (#16), 0 IP, 2/1 PP, 11 cards, #13(H).
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Besyzan: Sir Michael (#15)
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Treasury: Duke Roland (#42), H M6

Turn 4:

1. Player order is: Robert, Jeffrey, James, Mary, Margaret
2. Office: Justice & High are vacant.
3. Political Problems: Treason & Conspiracy Trials, War with Cronos & Besyzan. Monarch's support is 50 ± 20.
4. Crown Event: 7 = Two Political Problems: 5 = Foreign War (?), 6 = Pirates, 7 = Treason & Conspiracy Trials (?), 4 = International Incident (?)

You've drawn # ____ Loyalty, ____ Opportunity, ____ Event card.

Due next time:

- a) Any modifications to the Scandal roll against Sir James (or the hearing, or the trial)
- b) Any modification to James's counsel (Judges)
- c) Any appointments to the Cabinet (1-1 IP, in player Order)
- d) Any modifications to the Political Problem Rolls (including the new ones).
- e) Your player turn orders.



***"As you know, I've decided to merge the jobs of
Court Jester and Court Scientist."***



KREMLIN

Talksalott Busted!



THE CAST (In Table Order):

Cary Nichols: Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS), 3 cards
 Ron Fisher: Red Bivalve Factory (RBF), 3 cards
 Mike Scott: The California Connection (TCC), 3 cards
 Warren "Gox" Goese: Sneaky, Treacherous, Annoying Bastards (STAB), 3 cards
 Kevin Wilson: Red Army Ministry of Subversion (RAMS), 3 cards
 Dave Anderson: Dying Anarchists (DA), 3 cards

POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	<Vacant>		
KGB Head:	Strychnin (T)	61	DA 1
Foreign Minister:	Talksalott (J)	67	
Defense Minister:	Schruckrutov (B)	76w	RBF 5
Ideology Chief:	Eastumuch (M)	64	RBF 4
Industry Minister:	Palavrian (G)	70	RBF 4
Economy Minister:	Niewitko (D)	73	REDS 5
Sport Minister:	Nogoodnik (V)	55+	RBF 3
Candidates:	HINO		
People:	EFKLPQRSUWXYZ		
The Wall: A			Siberia: C

1.5: FUNERAL COMMISSION PHASE: REDS play #35 "Perestroika" (+2 IP on Niewitko), declare 5 IP on Palavrian (G), and declare 4 IP on Nogoodnik (V). RBF plays card #16 "US Grain Deal Falls Through" sending J back to the people. STAB reveals 6 IP on G. RBF has Ideology Chief Eastumuch (M) nominate Schruckrutov (B) for Party Chief.... Will another faction countermand that?

We halt things at this point since so many orders began with the conditional "If J...". To clarify, M can only nominate B or T, if M shouldn't be able to nominate (due to card play), the task falls to T who must nominate B. So what I need from all of you:

- (1) Your conditionals for gaining control of a Politburo member (if M, say who he will nominate).
- (2) Tell me how each Politburo member you hope to control will vote on B and T.
- (3) If you hope to control M, a priority list of secondary candidates.
- (4) Your votes for B, D, G, T, or V in a possible second round.
- (5) replacements, rehabs, and any card play in the Parade phase.

Due next time are your orders for Funeral Commission through Parade Phases.

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LEGEND: s = strong, w = weak, + = sick, ++ = ill, ? = under investigation

Cast: Mike Fisher (F) James Kanne (K) Rick Copeland (C) Debbie Anderson (A)

ERRATA: F has 1 grain. Robber at d5; A does not collect 3L & C does not collect 1L

K: (10) K collects 2 w and F collects 1 w from c5. F collects 2 w from f4. Buys a card (-gwo; +_____).

C: (4) K collects 1 o from b4. C collects 2 g and F collects 1 g from e3. No action.

A: (6) F collects 1 l from e2. Play knight, move R to b4, steal o from K. No action.

F: (5) C collects 2 g and F collects 1 g. Trade 4 wool for 1 brick, build road @ c3/d3 (-bl). Buy a card (-gwo; +_____).

K: (9) K collects 2 b from d3. C & F collect 1 l from e5. No action.

Possible trades: K will trade away wool. Both A & C gave the other a blank check, but no definite agreement was made.

Inventory/Summary (Robber at b4)

Player	Br	Gr	Lum	Ore	Wool	VP	Cards	Knights	Other
Fisher	0	1	2	0	1	4	1	0	
Kanne	2	1	0	0	3	3	1	1	
Copeland	0	5	3	0	2	3	0	0	
Deb A	0	1	2	2	2	3	0	1	

Die Rolls Turn 8.3 to 9.3:

Copeland: 10 Deb A: 2 Fisher: 8 Kanne: 8 Copeland: 5

LEGEND:

? generic 3:1 port

dice number

H/b hill hex/brick 2:1 port

D desert hex

F/l forest hex/lumber 2:1 port

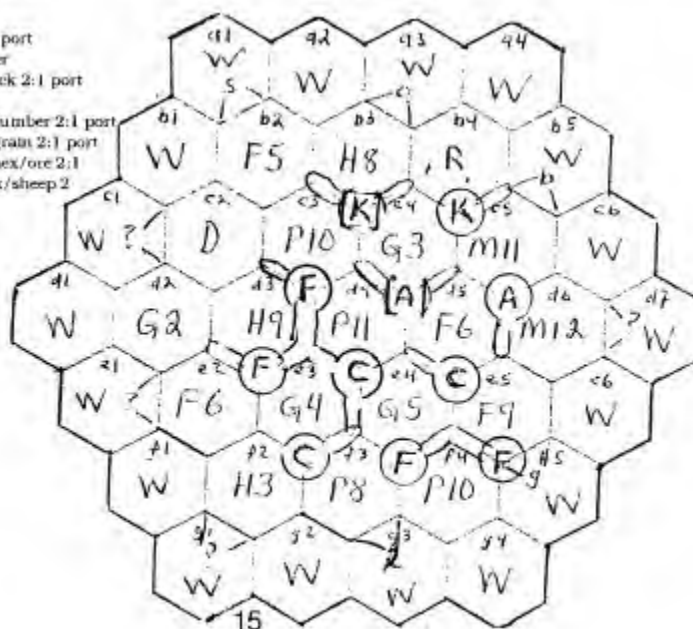
G/g grain hex/grain 2:1 port

M/o mountain hex/ore 2:1

P/s pasture hex/sheep 2

R robber

W water tile



2002 HOBBY AWARDS BALLOT

Jim Burgess, Chair of the Hobby Awards Committee: The Hobby Awards have a long and proud tradition in the Diplomacy Hobby and I am continuing an effort to expand the scope and reach of the awards. This year we again have eight nominees in each category. Please publicize this ballot, reproduce and send it to your Diplomatic mailing lists. Please consider the whole ballot carefully, use the web pages for research, and vote in one, two, three or all four award categories. The 2002 Hobby Awards generally are for hobby activities during the calendar year 2001. Congratulate ALL of the nominees for their service and achievements and please vote!

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<http://www.variantbank.com>

Mike Bruno (Doing the Maintenance of the Diplomatic Corps Web Page)

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David Kovar (Hosting and Maintaining the Diplomatic Pouch - Rebuilt after 2001 Crash)

<http://level.diplom.org/DipPouch/>

John Marsden (Running Ode for both Postal and On-Line Diplomacy Gaming)

<http://users.ijlway.co.uk/jandmarsden/Ode-online>

Doug Massey (Running the Vermont Group and its Full Press and other Tournaments)

<http://doug.obscurestuff.com>

Chad Schroeder (Developing and Running the Redscape Diplomacy Playing System)

<http://www.redscape.com>

Christian Shelton (Developing and Running the Pounded Diplomacy Playing System)

<http://www.dipounded.com>

Alain Tesio (Developing and Running the Mapper for the Judge Playing System)

<http://www.floc.net>

Rod Walker Award (Literature)

Spencer Bernard (Play Diplomacy the Jedi Way, *The Diplomatic Pouch* S2001M)

<http://level.diplom.org/Zine/S2001M/Bernard/Jedi.html>

Eli Duran (Airhead Alliance vs. SWAT, *Diplomacy World* #86)

<http://www.diplomacyworld.org/papers/issue86/Airheads.htm>

Joe Brennan (How to Solo, *The Diplomatic Pouch* F2001M)

<http://level.diplom.org/Zine/F2001M/Brennan/HowToSolo.html>

David Cohen (Model HRs for Non-Judge E-Mail Dipl., *The Diplomatic Pouch* S2001M)

<http://level.diplom.org/Zine/S2001M/Cohen/ModelRules.html>

Jerry T. Fest (Reflections of a Born-Again Dipl. Player, *The Diplomatic Pouch* S2001M)

<http://level.diplom.org/Zine/S2001M/Fest/Reflections.html>

Don Hessong (Introducing, Strategies, and Openings of The Ancient Mediterranean,

The Diplomatic Pouch S2001M & F2001M)

<http://level.diplom.org/Zine/S2001M/Hessong/AncientMed1.html>

<http://level.diplom.org/Zine/S2001M/Hessong/AncientMed2.html>

<http://level.diplom.org/Zine/F2001M/Hessong/AncientMedOpenings.html>

Karlis Pavisils & Glenn Ledder (Stable Two-Way Draws in Standard Diplomacy,

The Diplomatic Pouch S2001M)

<http://level.diplom.org/Zine/S2001M/Ledder/TwoWayDraws.html>

Richard Sharp (The Art of Diplomacy, *Diplomacy World* #86)

<http://www.diplomacyworld.org/issues/issue86/86artofdiplomacy.htm>

John Koning Award (Player Performance)

- Chris Anastasio (Won All Five Full Press Games in JDPR Debut Now Up to 1859 Rating)
<http://devel.diplom.org/Email/Ratings/JDPR/atop100.html>
- Brian Dennehy (Finished with Most Tournament Points at 2001 World DipCon XI)
<http://devel.diplom.org/Face/results/2WDC2001.html>
- Jerry T. Fest (2001 NADF Grand Prix Leader, Playing in 10 FTF Tournaments)
<http://www.diplom.org/FAADU/JPest.htm>
- Toby Harris (Called by Many the Most Feared Player, Topped Board in Boosters Game)
<http://devel.diplom.org/DiePouch/Postal/Zines/TFP/boosters.html>
- Tom Kohrin (Won October 2001 Tempest in a Teapot and Voted 2001 NADF All-Star)
<http://www.diplom.org/Face/results/tempest2001.html>
- Tristan Lee (Winning Four Diplomacy Tournaments in 2001 and the 2001 Bismark Cup)
<http://duanz.org.au/results/bc2001.htm>
- Cyrcille Sevin (Winning 2001 World DipCon XI to be Fast Two-Time WDC Champion)
<http://devel.diplom.org/Face/results/2WDC2001.html>
- Roger Yonkowski (Leading the All-Time JDPR Rankings with 1986 Rating at 2001 End)
<http://devel.diplom.org/Email/Ratings/JDPR/atop100.html>

Fred Hyatt Award (GM Performance)

- Doug Burgoyne (Cat23 GM)
<http://www.cat23.com/> & <http://www.geocities.com/apocalypseinmaradise/>
- Andy Lischett (Postal GM for *Cheerecake*)
- Doug Massey (GM for Games in Vermont Group No Press and Full Press Tournaments)
<http://doug.obscuristuff.com>
- Paul Milewski (Postal GM for *Yellow Pajamas* and GM Ombudsman)
- David Norman (GM for FTF Tournaments and Judge E-Mail Games)
<http://www.elight.demon.co.uk>
- Tom Reincke (Redscape GM)
<http://www.redscape.com>
- Peter J. Richardson (E-Mail GM in Many Groups Including WorldMasters2000 Final)
http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~pjr/diplo_g.htm
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1830: Chinnery, R Fisher, Zieske

1870: Zieske

AIR BARON: R Fisher

BRITANNIA: Dave A, Hanna, Butitta, Wilson (awaiting end of Devon or Egbert)

CIRCUS MAXIMUS: R Fisher, Kanne, York, Dave A

DIPLOMACY: Fisher, Shacklett

DUNE: Dave A, R Fisher, K Wilson, Butitta; need 3-6 more

GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 more

JUNTA: Copeland, Dave A, Hanna

KINGMAKER: R Fisher, Shacklett

MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A, Chinnery

MERCHANT OF VENUS: R Fisher, Deb A, Chinnery

MONSTERS RAVAGE AMERICA: Butitta, TJ Klausutis(?)

SETTLERS of CATAN: Chinnery, Goz, K Wilson

SILVERTON: Zieske

TITAN: Klaus, A & J Bargender, York, (Webb); need 1 or 2 more

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